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Arizona Supreme Court
Hon. Rebecca W. Berch, Chief Justice
1501 West Washington,
Phoenix, Arizona. 85007

Re: Petition R-12-0020

Dear Chief Justice Berch:

The Attorney Regulation Advisory Committee (ARC) by letter dated May 1, 2012 previously opposed this petition for the reasons stated within that letter which is attached. However the petitioner presented her proposed changes to ARC at its November 1, 2012 meeting. I attach the proposed rule that the petitioner agreed to at the ARC meeting.

These substantive changes included notifying in advance potential clients that their status as a practicing lawyer in Arizona is temporary. The military spouse would also be required to be in good standing in all jurisdictions where the attorney had previously practiced. The petitioner stated the recommended changes to her petition would also include a requirement that military spouses who have practiced less than five years would be supervised by a local Arizona attorney. An additional change included giving the client sixty (60) days advance notification of the removal of the attorney from Arizona due to a change in the orders of the military spouse. Considering the changes made by the petitioner, ARC voted to recommend approval of the petition with these modifications.

While we remain concerned that the Committee on Character and Fitness be afforded sufficient time to complete their inquiry, ARC favors Petition R-12-0020.

Sincerely,

A large, stylized handwritten signature in black ink, which appears to read "W. J. O'Neil", is written over the word "Sincerely,".

The Honorable William J. O'Neil
Chair, Attorney Regulation Advisory Committee